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PRISON AUTOGRAPHS.

THE FORT WARREN ALBUM AND SIG-NATURES OF MASON AND SLIDELL

The Battle of Hatteras Inlet and Its Besult. sioners-Biographies of Political Prisoners-The Work of a Minister.

(Special Correspondence.) New York, Dec. 10.-In August, 1861, the battle of Hatterns Inlet occurred, and among the Confederates who surrendered to Gen. B. F. Butler was the Rev. James T. Lassell, at that time a lieutenant of North Carolina weans. Capt. Taylor was dispatched to volunteers. After the officers taken in this Washington with an official account of the volunteers. After the officers taken in this fight had been conveyed to Fort Warren, in Boston harbor, this gentlemen collected in an album the autographs of all political prisoners confined in that place, and to him is due the fact of having the signatures used in this article. This album be sent to Mrs. C. V. Lassell, his brother's wife, and it is now in possession of her son. Among the



more prominent names which occur are those of Mason and Shidell, Confederate ministers to England and France, and that of Commodore Samuel Barron, C. S. N., who was in command of the Confederate forces at Hatteras Inlet. An article about the two former gentlemen will be most appropriate at this time, for Thursday, Nov. 8, was the twentyseventh anniversary of their capture.

The Seventh North Carolina regiment was under command of Col William F. Martin, of Elizabeth City, and was assigned, with other troops, to duty as ceast defense, under Commodore Samuel Burron, of Norfolk, Va. Some days later they left for Hatterss inlet, which connects the Atlantic occur with Pamilco sound, where, on the 18th day of Angust, 1961, the artillery under command of Col. James A. J. Bradford, and the infantry, under Col. Martin, were compelled to surrender. After being conveyed to Fort Warren and remaining there some time the Rev. Mr. Lassell was juroled and returned to his home in Mary-land. While in North Carolina he formed an attachment for a lady whom he afterward married, and is now father of six children. He is still connected with the Methodist church, and randes at Lisbon, Howard

Chestercown, the county seat of Kent county, Was He He Maryland, in 1853, and graduated from ngton college at that place at the age of 30 He then took up the study of theology in the city of Baltimore, and subsequently attached himself to the Methodist Protestant church of Maryland. At the outbreak of the civil war he was visiting his brother. Dr. William H. Lassell, in Currituck county, North Carolina, and immediately repaired to Elizabeth City, N. C., in company with a party of enthusiastic Virginians then on their

charge of the two forts, Hatterns and Clark, had resigned his position as emptain in the United States mavy upon the outbreak of hostill the and accepted this post of duty from the laurente, author and editor, who resided in

After being peroled he retired to private life, and now lies in Elmwood, the beautiful cemetery at Norfolk, by the side of his wife, Barron Hone is buried in the same lot-the gentle poet by the man of war.

time previous, out notwithstanding this fact eavoys to Great Britain and France, succeeded in erading the vigilance of the blocking fleet in the steamship. Theodora and pro-

telligence to that paper;

Consul General Schufeldt telegraphed the the revision of the Virginia constitution. He commander of the steam frigate San Jasanto was elected to congress in 185, where he at Trinidad, on the 24th, to proceed at once served only one term. He was a member of

On Nov. 15, 1861, the United States steamer San Jamete, Capt. Wilkes, arrived at Fortross Monros about midday, having on board the Kansas-Nebraska bill. He was the prin-Mason and Sidell and their secretaries, Eustis and Macfarland. The vessel was on the way from Africa, via the West Indies, to the United States, and on stopping at Cienfuegos learned of the escape of the Confederate ministers.

Capt. Wilkes at once proceeded to Havana, and there found that the commissioners and under command of Lieut. Fairfex, who was well fitted for that post by being personally acquainted with the ministers. On arriving on board they found the ministers somewhat disposed to resist arrest, being abouted by the English captain, and at first they dechared that they could only be taken by force. However, they concluded to submit quietly to arrest. Great excitement reigned on board the Trent at this forcible seizure, and this was increased considerably by the protestations of the wives of Messrs. Mason and Sistell. Mr. Slidell had four children as well as his wife on board. The two commisthreatened resistance to the death, but una-mately calmed himself and went on board quietly with the others.

The distress of the wives of the ill fated

ministers was very affecting. Lieut Fairfax extended to them an offer of safe passege to New York, but this they declined. On the return of the boats Capt. Wilkes stood at the side of his vessel to receive the pris-oners, and, although known to both gentle-men, did so in silence. It is said that Eustis again got in hot water on board the San The Battle of Hatters Inlet and Its Besult. Jacinto by expressing his opinion too freely, and Capt Wilkes is quoted as saying: "Sir, I and capt. Wilsos is quoted as saying: "Sir, I am the captain of this ship," when Eustis bowed an apology. During the voyage the commissioners were very silent and sad, deeply feeling the disappointment that their arrest would occasion the Confederates. On notifying Gen, Wool at Fortress Monroe of the confederates. the capt ture he had effected, Capt. Wilkes excapture. By order of the government the Confederate officials were then conveyed to Fort Warren, Mass. Great excitement was occastoned throughout the civilized world by this act. It was said that the seizure was justified by the practices of England, and particularly as the queen's proclamation of neutrality between the United States and the Confederacy of May 18, 1861, which forbade the carrying of officers or dispatches for either party, had been violated. However that may be, a peremptory demand was made by the British government for the un-conditional surrender of the Confederate envoys with their secretaries. France also had some correspondence with the United States government in relation to the matter. Mr. Seward, secretary of state, eventually re-leased them, basing his compliance upon the principles of international law.

J. E. Macfarland was the valued secretary of James M. Mason, and belonged in Richmond, Va., where he is well remembered. He remained a prisoner in Fort Warren to the 3d day of January, 1863, when he and his colleague, George Enstis, secretary to John Siidell, were released with the ministers.

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James Murray Mason was a native of Virginia, born on Analostan island, opposite the city of Washington, on Nov. 3, 1798, in what was then Fairfax county. His first ancestor in Virginia was George Mason, member of parliament during the reign of Charles I of England. He was a strong advocate of the king, and resisted the measures adopted by parliament against him.

He was an officer in the army of King Charles later on, and commanded a regiment of "Cavaliers" in the civil war. After the defeat at Worcester, in 1651, of the army of the king, he made his escape in the garb of a peasant, and, sailing for America, landed at Norfolk. His descendant, James M., began his education at the primary schools of Virginia and in Georgetown, D. C., and in 1818 grad-

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A correspondent of The New York World, uated from the University of Pennsylvania, the senate for fourteen years, and was viclently pro-slavery, taking a memorable part in the debates on the fugitive slave law and cipal framer of the fugitive slave bill. His position in the senate made him acquainted

> peculiarly fitted for the position of minister to England. After his arrest he was held at Fort Warren as a political prisoner until Jan. 2, 1862, when he was released by order of Mr. Seward

and placed under the protection of the British government. During the remainder of the war he resided mainly in the French enpital, in the capacity of a representative of the Confederate states. On the termination of the struggle he went to Canada, and remained for the period of three years, after which he returned to Virginia. He died near

Alexandria, Va., on April 28, 1871.

John Slideli was a native of New York city and born in the year 1793. At the age of 21, after graduating from Columbia college, which he did in 1810, he went out into the world to seek his fortune, finally locating in New Orleans, La., where he began the practice of law. His skill and tact soon won him well merited distinction at the New Orleans bar. His unparaileled success as a lawyer made him so popular that he was retained on one side or the other in almost every important suit that came up in the courts. His first public service was as United States district attorney at New Orleans, to which position be was appointed by Jackson. He was sent to the state legislature of Louisiana quite frequently, and was afterwards selected as one of the Louisiana

He was noted in the house as an extremely shrowd and skillful manager, and a careful, cool orator in debate. He was made minister to Merico by President Polk, but war occurred between the two countries shortly after and he returned home. He was later appointed to fill Soule's unexpired term in the senate, when that gentleman was ap-pointed minister to Madrid, and was then re-

lected for a term of six years.

In person he was of middle height, of rather striking appearance, of bold mieu and portly figure. His voice was very prominent in the caucuses of the south and his opinion carried great weight. After his release from Fort Warren he salled for England, where he remained but a short time, and then proceeded to Paris. There he influenced the banker, Erlanger, who subsequently became his son-in-law, to secure money and ships to aid the Confederacy. After the war he returned to London, in which city he lived to the time of

his death, July 29, 1871. The Fort Warren album contains the signatures of all the Maryland legislature, the police commissioners of Baltimore, all the officers captured in the Hatteras Inlet fight and many other prominent personages. The who attempted to escape from Fort Lafayette in New York harbor, by means of a tub. He was placed in group for the act, and later conveyed to Fort Warren for batter security. His brother was attached to a Federal ship in Boston harbor at time of the attempted es-cape. HARRY LASSELL

TOM GRAYSON.

The Hero of Eggleston's Latest Novel and His Prototype in Real Life.

[Special Correspondence.]
ABERDEEN, D. T., Dec. 11.—Most persons who have read Dr. Edward Eggleston's last story know that the incident related of Abraham Lincoln's acquitting a man accused of murder by showing from an almanac that the moon was not up at the time a witness swore to seeing the murder by its light, is a fact. It was long ago published in sketches and stories about Lincoln. But it is not so well known that Thomas Grayson, editor, who died at Meadville, Pa., in 1884 was the hero-in fact and name. Mr. John Adams, a lawyer of this city, gives these

In the fall of 1881 Mr. Adams, then a law student, assisted Mr. Grayson in his editorial work, acting as local editor while the latter was suffering from a stroke of paralysis Thomas Grayson was then a man nearly 60 years of age, of strong personality, and, according to Mr. Adams' description, impulsive, irascible, "a good lover and a good hater," just such a man as the Tom Grayson of the story would be at 60, as Mr. Adams expressed it. He was of reserved disposition, and carried about him the air of one who had suffered from some great misfortune, or had undergone some severe ordeal in early life. He was an able journalist, well known in western Pennsylvania, an uncompromising Dem-ocrat, and a man of high standing in the community. It will be remembered by those who read "The Graysons" that the interest of the story, whose scenes are laid in early Illi nois, centers about a charge of murder against young Tom Grayson, and that Abraham Lincoln conducts his defense. Mr. Adams, apart from the body of the testimony he advances in support of his belief mony he advances in support of his benefithat "The Graysons" is a fact romance, states that in the editor's favorite room hung a splendid portrait of Lincoln, a fact which affords at least some inducement to the other details of Mr. Adams' narrative.

"While I was assisting Mr. Grayson upon The Advocate," says Mr. Adams "I often had occasion to visit Mr. Grayson's home, to which his illness then confined him. On one occasion, as I was about to enter his room to consult with him about some matter relative to the paper, I met at the door, with a bundle of papers in hand, a tail gentleman of striking appearance. He were a dressing gown, and had apparently just finished an interview with Mr. Grayson. I at once recognized him as Edward Eggleston. Mary Grayson, a daughter of the family, had told me that her father was expecting the author, who, it seems, visited his old friend annually. Mr. Eggleston remained at the house four days, and during this time was closeted daily with old Thomas. I did not see the editor of The Advocate but once during the time, and then he gave instructions as to the paper, and remarked that his engagements with Mr. Egglesten would admit of no work during

"The object of the long interviews in Mr. Grayson's room were a mystery to the family. This I know from the remarks made by Mary one day: 'I wonder what papa and Mr. Eggleston can be doing. They are together four or five hours every day, and papa gave orders that no one should disturb them.

"I wondered at the time," says Mr. Adams, "but when I read the first chapter of The Graysons' in The Century, it flashed over me in a moment that Mr. Eggleston was then securing data for his story, which I now believe is, to some extent at least, a biography of 'Old Tom Grayson's' early life. There's a striking resemblance between the character and the man as I knew him. Tom Grayson, young and vigorous, was just the man, in the fascination of a game of poker, to face ill luck to the end and risk all he had down to his very clothing, as did the young Tom in the Illinois romance."

Mr. Adams relates other interesting reminiscences of the supposed hero, who died at Mendville in 1884, and his conviction of the identity of Mr. Eggleston's hero, supported by the facts recited, would seem to prove FRANK P. WILLIAMS. him the man.

Washington's Life Guard.

Washington's Life guard, varying in numbers at different times from sixty to 250 men, was formed in the spring of 1776. The men were not less than five feet nine inches nor more than five feet ten inches in height, and selected from the various regiments of the Continental army for their moral and per-sonal perfection. Their usual duty was to protect the person, baggage and papers of the commander-in-chief. The last survivor of this corps was Uzul Knapp of Orange county, N. Y., who died in January, 1856. and was buried at the foot of the flags: front of Washington's headquarters at Newburg on the Hudson. A neat freestone mon-ument erected over his remains was dedicated on June 18, 1860, at which time there was a large civic and military procession.

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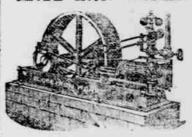
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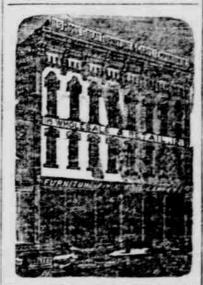
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he survived him only a few months. James Charleston had been blockaded for some James Mason and John Slidell, Confederate

who was at Cardenas, sent the following in- at Philadelphia. He began to study law at

with foreign affairs, and he was therefore

their families had embarked on the British mail steamer Trent on the 7th instant, which vessel was running between Vera Cruz and Southampton via Havana and St. Thomas. The pursuit then began, the San Jacinto coming up with the Trent in the narrowest part of the Bahama channel. A shot was fired across her bows, which caused her to lay to, Capt. Wilkes then disputched two boats, with five officers and thirty five men,

Panama bats when arrested, which they wore up to the time of their incarceration in Fort Warren. One of the secretaries George Enstis

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